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USUN FOR AMBASSADOR MEZVINSKY

E.O. 11652 GDS
TAGS SHUM, UN, AR
VISIT OF UNSYG WALDHEIM TO ARGENTINA

REF: MONTEVIDEO 2313

1. EMBASSY AGREES WITH EMBASSY MONTEVIDEO THAT UNSYG WALDHEIM'S TRIP TO SOUTH AMERICA IN CONNECTION WITH THE UN SPONSORED TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN ARGENTINA IN LATE AUGUST WOULD PROVIDE A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR HIM TO DISCUSS HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENTS. IN EXPLORING WALDHEIM'S VIEW ON MATTER, EMPHASIS CAN BE MADE ON US DESIRE FOR GREATER INTERNATIONALIZATION OF ISSUE AND THE NEED TO KEEP BALANCED BUT STEADY PRESSURE ON OFFENDING GOVERNMENTS.GOA SENSITIVITY TO US SANCTIONS POLICY AND ITS CURRENT RENEWED INTEREST IN A THIRD WORLD ROLE MAKE WALDHEIM, IN HIS CAPACITY AS UNSYG, AN OBVIOUS CHOICE TO EXPRESS REPRESENTATIVE AND INDEPENDENT VIEWS. IN VIEW OF GROWING ARGENTINE RESENTMENT AGAINST US, WALDHEIM'S
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REPRESENTATION WOULD BE MORE EFFECTIVE IF IT APPEARS TO BE TAKEN ENTIRELY ON HIS INITIATIVE.

2. IN ARGENTINA, WALDHEIM AT HIS DISCRETION COULD INQUIRE AS TO THE PROGRESS OF THE RECENT ARGENTINE INVITATION TO THE OAS INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION TO VISIT THE COUNTRY.

(FYI. THE ARGENTINE INITIATIVE HIT A SNAG WHEN
THE COMMISSION REQUESTED CLARIFICATION AND
GUARANTEES FROM GOA REGARDING THE SCOPE AND
INDEPENDENCE OF THE VISIT. WE ARE ENCOURAGING
THE GOA TO NEGOTIATE PROMPTLY CONDITIONS WHICH
WOULD PERMIT A COMMISSION VISIT AS PART OF OUR
OVERALL HUMAN RIGHTS STRATEGY IN THIS COUNTRY.)
WALDHEIM MIGHT ALSO NOTE ARGENTINA'S PUBLIC
ASSERTIONS THAT THE WAR AGAINST TERRORISM HAS
BEEN VIRTUALLY WON, AND ENCOURAGE FURTHER PROGRESS
ON THE RESOLUTION OF STATE OF SEIGE DETAINEE
CASES AND THE RIGHT OF OPTION PROGRAM.
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